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SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO HUNGARIAN CHILD

1. ON SEPTEMBER 3 THE FATHER OF AN ILL HUNGARIAN CHILD, 2 1/2-YEAR OLD PETER FELLEGI OF BUDAPEST, REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FOR THE CHILD A CERTAIN CANCER TREATMENT MEDICINE, UNAVAILABLE IN HUNGARY. WE RECOMMENDED THAT FATHER REQUEST HUNGARIANS APPROACH US OFFICIALLY IN THE MATTER.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 5 EMBASSY RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM DR. LAJOS SZABO, CHIEF PHYSICIAN, HEAD OF SECTION, CHILDREN'S WARD, JANOS HOSPITAL, ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT THE US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZE THE EXPORT OF THE MEDICINE "DECARBAZINE" (DTIC). (THE MEDICINE IS BEING MANUFACTURED BY BEN VENUE LAB. INC., BEDFORD, OHIO, WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE DIVISION OF CANCER TREATMENT, NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, BETHESDA, MD. 20014.) FORM OF DOSING: INJECTION. NAME OF TREATING PHYSICIAN: DR. LAJOS SZABO, CHIEF PHYSICIAN, UNCLASSIFIED

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(CHILDREN'S WARD, JANOS HOSPITAL). NAME OF PATIENT:

PETER FELLEGI, 2 1/2 YEARS OLD. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE MEDICINE AND ITS PROPOSED USE, AND AUTHORIZES THAT DR. LAJOS SZABO, CHIEF PHYSICIAN, APPLY THE MEDICINE. IN THE OPINION OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH THE SUBMISSION OF THE "NOTICE OF CLAIMED INVESTIGATIONAL EXEMPTION" IS NOT POSSIBLE. VERY TRULY YOURS, DR. LAJOS SZABO (SGD), CHIEF PHYSICIAN, HEAD OF SECTION, FORMER UNIVERSITY DOZENT, CANDIDATE. SEAL: JANOS HOSPITAL, CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' WARD. UNQUOTE.

3. THE CHILD WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AUGUST 7, DIAGNOSIS NEUROBLASTOMA. WE UNDERSTAND CONTEMPLATED TREATMENT EMBRACES SEQUENTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF FOUR MEDICINES, DTIC BEING THE LAST. THE CHILD WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST 10 AMPULES, BUT APPARENTLY ONLY ONE AMPULE IS PRESENTLY IN ALL OF HUNGARY. WE ARE ADVISED THAT THE MEDICINE IS KNOWN TO HUNGARIAN DOCTORS BECAUSE IT IS SENT ON AN IRREGULAR BASIS BY WHO TO CERTAIN HUNGARIAN PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT ORGANIZATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF AIR SHIPPING A SUPPLY OF DTIC FOR PETER FELLEGI TO JANOS HOSPITAL, DIOS AROK 1, BUDAPEST XII, C/O DR. SZABO LAJOS, CHILDREN'S WARD, AND ADVISE EMBASSY SOONEST. IF DEPARTMENT REQUIRES FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE ADVISE. IF THERE ARE EXPENSES TO BE DEFRAIDED, PLEASE ADVISE SO WE MAY ATTEMPT ARRANGE WITH HUNGARIANS TO DO SO.

COMMENT: EMBASSY BASES ITS REQUEST IN THIS EMERGENCY AND UNEXPECTED CASE ON PURE HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. MCAULIFFE

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